

## GET INVOLVED

### Become a Member

Your membership supports our lobbying efforts and gives us a stronger voice at the Utah Legislature. You may join or renew your membership online at [www.acluutah.org](http://www.acluutah.org). Annual membership contributions are not tax-deductible.

### Make a Donation

Your gift to the ACLU of Utah Foundation supports our legal and public education efforts. You may make a tax deductible donation online at [www.acluutah.org](http://www.acluutah.org).

### Connect Online

Stay up-to-date on fast-moving events and take action whenever our freedoms are at risk:

- Join our email list ([www.acluutah.org](http://www.acluutah.org))
- Like us on Facebook ([aclu.utah](https://www.facebook.com/aclu.utah))
- Follow us on Twitter ([@acluutah](https://twitter.com/acluutah)) and
- Follow us on Instagram ([aclu\\_utah](https://www.instagram.com/aclu_utah))

### People Power

Go to [www.peoplepower.org](http://www.peoplepower.org) to become part of the ACLU's grassroots mobilization network and hear about opportunities to defend civil liberties in Utah and your community.

**The defense of our fundamental freedoms depends on active support from people like you!**

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## About the ACLU of Utah

Founded in 1958, the ACLU of Utah is the Utah affiliate of the American Civil Liberties Union. The ACLU is a nationwide, nonpartisan, membership organization dedicated to preserving the constitutional rights guaranteed to all people in this country. We accomplish our work through legal advocacy, litigation, public education and lobbying.

## How to Request Help

Each year, hundreds of people who believe their civil liberties have been violated, turn to the ACLU of Utah. We receive these complaints in writing only.

**By mail:** Call 801-521-9862 ext. 104 and leave your name and address. You will receive an intake packet in the mail.

**Online:** [www.acluutah.org/request-help](http://www.acluutah.org/request-help)

**Email:** [intake@acluutah.org](mailto:intake@acluutah.org)

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# FIGHTING FOR

# LGBTQ

# EQUALITY

# IN UTAH

# WHY WE WORK FOR LGBTQ EQUALITY:

The ACLU of Utah adamantly maintains that the U.S. Constitution requires that our laws apply equally to all, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

The First Amendment protects our right to communicate gay-positive viewpoints, choose how we express our gender identity, and associate with whomever we wish. We also have a right to privacy in our personal relationships.

Unfortunately, some courts have not yet fully acknowledged these rights for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) people.

## THE ACLU

### CARES ABOUT LGBTQ STUDENTS

LGBTQ students should be assured a safe school environment, free from harassment. These students also have rights to free expression and association. We have successfully represented students who exercised these rights by forming Gay/Straight Alliances, attending prom with same-sex dates, or wearing T-shirts displaying gay-positive messages.

### SECURES EQUALITY IN MARRIAGE AND RELATIONSHIPS

We work for full legal recognition of LGBTQ relationships. We fought for marriage equality by supporting and working with community partners to successfully challenge Utah's ban on same-sex marriage. The national ACLU worked as co-counsel for the historic 2015 Supreme Court case that validated same-sex couples' right to marry nationwide. We will continue to support efforts to secure additional advances toward equality.

### PROTECTS THE RIGHTS OF UTAH'S LGBTQ FAMILIES

Upholding the rights and civil liberties of LGBTQ parents and their children is central to achieving equality. We challenged Utah's 2000 adoption ban, which prohibits cohabiting couples from adopting children, and we will fight against any such laws that exclude LGBTQ parents from important legal protections for their families. In 2015, we successfully argued on behalf of Angie and Kami Roe to both be recognized as parents of their daughter, Lucy. We also work to ensure that sexual orientation and gender identity are not used in custody and visitation determinations.



### DEFENDS GAY-POSTIVE EXPRESSION

The First Amendment provides protection for freedom of speech and expression, and it's a powerful tool to fight for LGBTQ equality. We represented a client and her right to display gay-positive license plates, and Wendy Weaver, the Utah teacher disciplined for honestly answering a student's question about her sexual orientation. We will continue to defend Utahns who are punished for communicating LGBTQ messages.



### COMMITTS TO FIGHTING LGBTQ DISCRIMINATION EVERYWHERE

Protecting basic civil rights is at the heart of our work for LGBTQ equality. We lobbied to secure the passage of a bill that included sexual orientation and gender identity in Utah's existing nondiscrimination law, and fought to defeat a bill that would have permitted discrimination based on religious beliefs. While we have secured protections for LGBTQ community in housing and employment, we will continue to strive for greater equality, seek the abolition of biased laws and regulations, such as Utah's anti-sodomy law, and we will work to defeat any laws that seek to discriminate against individuals on the basis of gender-expression and identity.

# IT'S JUST FAIR.